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The Underqualified Disciple

Linnea Good and David Jonsson at St. Margaret's Cedar Cottage

*Get on the Jesus Bus,
Get off on the side of the road.
Get on the Jesus Bus my friend
And you can put down that heavy load.*

Above is the chorus of the first song taught to the congregation of St. Margaret's Cedar Cottage by Linnea Good during her visit to the East Vancouver church on the morning of January 16th. The congregation picked up the tune quickly and joined with enthusiasm, singing in the choruses and clapping and swaying to the music during the verses.

Linnea and her partner David Jonsson are accomplished musicians. Linnea is a worship artist, worship leader, activist and mother who is into a 20 plus-year, 10 CD career of producing great music and leading worship in Christian churches.

According to a press release written by Angie Gallop: "Linnea Good looks like she has achieved that elusive goal of having it all. She has forged a career in a musical niche that knows and loves her well, has helped shape her own musical community of the Christian church and seems to

be able to combine family and professional life and not miss a beat. These accomplishments have demanded a great amount of faith. Faith, and the courage to sing about it, sets Good apart as a musician as she deftly pulls on ancient, sacred texts and traditions to shine a light on the human condition in contemporary society."

David Jonsson is one of the finest drummers to emerge from the Vancouver music scene of the 1960s, 70s and 80s. For the past two decades he has posted an impressive resumé, not just through his work with Linnea but also gracing the support bands of entertainers like Fred Penner and Charlotte Diamond.

The service on January 16th had a reunion feel to it. Linnea pointed out in her opening comments that "God is linking us in worship." Many of those attending worship that morning have a long history as beneficiaries of Linnea's skills as a music educator and worship leader. Linnea herself was reunited with her former duo partner, guitarist/vocalist Patty Powell. They began their music ministries together 23 years ago and their voices blended together, beautifully. They sounded like they had just sung those songs the week before, not decades before.

David is from the neighbourhood. He grew up blocks away from the church and began his music career while a student at Gladstone Senior Secondary.

The music led by Linnea, David, Patty and members of the St. Margaret's Music Ministry was tuneful, thoughtful, prayerful but more than anything, joyful. A highlight of the worship was Linnea's reflection on *Isaiah 49:1-7* the Old Testament reading that morning. She took the time to re-read the text to the congregation but with an interesting twist. She replaced all pronouns by inserting the first person pronouns *you, me and my*. This simple exercise in semantics emphasized the meaning of the passage.

Linnea placed particular emphasis on the phrase, "The Holy One has chosen **you**."

Linnea illustrated how some people feel when they are called to do "a job from God." She pantomimed three reactions with facial expressions and body language:

- Slumping and despondent.
- Recoiling with fear.
- Arms raised and jubilant with a big smile.

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Love Letter to an Old Man

EMILIE SMITH

Priest of the Diocese of New Westminster (in Mission), Santa Cruz delle Quiche, Guatemala



Emilie and Don Sam preparing the Eucharist

Standing close beside me the woman cries, her tears pouring down into her purple dress. Once in a while she carries her apron to her face, and wipes it crease by crease. Before us, not ten feet away, he lies in a simple wooden casket, draped with the embroidered cloth of the Maya of Chiapas, Mexico. The world has turned a different colour, now that he has died. Don Sam. Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia. *jTatic* (Mayan word for *Father*) Samuel.

What did *jTatic* Samuel mean to this gentle woman? When did he take her hand in his, listen to her suffering, uncover with her the hardcore truth—although the world denies it—of God’s most precious love for her? As she cries I can only wonder, again—how *did* he, with utter quietness, speak, almost without words, flooding into the hearts of God’s troubled children, a breath, a light, a fire, the Holy Spirit... What did he do to make this world more bearable, wonderful even, a place worth fighting and dying for?

Ours was a delightful brief friendship between an old Mexican Roman Catholic Bishop, and a Canadian Anglican priest, with a fierce love for Guatemala. Don Sam came to Vancouver for about two weeks in June of 2006. He stayed at the St. James’ clergy house, and at the High Mass on Sunday, said he was amazed, not so much to see a woman celebrate Mass, but to see that we did it all eastward, facing the altar and God, not the people, and that we still wore maniples and amices.

Don Sam, consecrated bishop of San Cristobal de las Casas in 1960, had a 40 year episcopal ministry in that



Emilie and Don Sam in front of his home

region, among its majority Maya community. During these decades he, in his own words, allowed himself to be converted by his Maya faithful. The result was a dynamic lively diocese, with a thriving and deeply local, indigenous Christian identity.

In the early 1980s, 250,000 Guatemalans fled the genocide in their country, tumbling into Chiapas. Don Sam met them at the border—short and stout, wearing gum boots, he stood before the ravenous Guatemalan army in pursuit. Later, in 1994, with the uprising of the Zapatista revolution, Don Sam intervened, and prevented the Mexican army from causing major bloodshed, and later served on the peace negotiation process.

The conch is blown for the last time, and the younger priests gather around his coffin and carry him inside the cathedral for burial. We, his friends stagger away, find a quiet place to break bread and to continue to reweave this tragically rent garment of our lives. Miraculously, it will be possible, we will go on, the work is not yet done. Abuelo, Grandfather, *jTatic* Samuel. Well done, God’s servant. *Descansa en paz (Rest in Peace)*.

On Monday, January 24th, 2011 Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia, retired Roman Catholic Bishop of Chiapas, Mexico and Defender of the Mayan people died from respiratory failure and complications due to high blood pressure and diabetes.

This article is an excerpt from Emilie’s Blog entry found at vimguatemala.wordpress.com on January 27th, 2011. ♣



Kingcome Church Raising and General Renovations

On January 19th, 2011 the Rev. Lincoln McKoen of the Diocese of BC who ministers to the town of Alert Bay and the village of Kingcome Inlet visited the Kingcome site.

Flooding devastated Kingcome village and St. George’s Church, which was the result of torrential rains September 24th and 25th of 2010.

We are grateful to Lincoln for sending his wonderful photos of the work going on at the site.

All the buildings in the village are being raised and repaired, making them more resistant to flooding.

The company who did all the raising of the buildings in the village donated the cost of the raising (\$30,000–\$40,000). They weren’t able to save the vestry as it was falling off and had been in significant disrepair prior to the flood. Diocesan insurance adjustors are currently reviewing quotes for the interior clean-up.

The priority for follow-up work at the end of January was to get stairs built to the top of the church. A carpentry crew from Alert Bay, as part of a training course donated their time during the weeks of January 17th and 23rd to help in the reconstruction of the homes. Diocesan Communications will continue to monitor the situation and provide more updates available for the April issue.

According to Lincoln, “Most of the village is rebuilding, and once all the garbage is cleaned out, the debris taken away, and the grass grows back, the village will be in excellent shape. Now that the work is proceeding at a good pace people’s spirits are improving greatly.” ♣

Shakeout BC at 401 West Georgia

BETTINA GRUVER

Program Coordinator, Synod Staff

Drop!

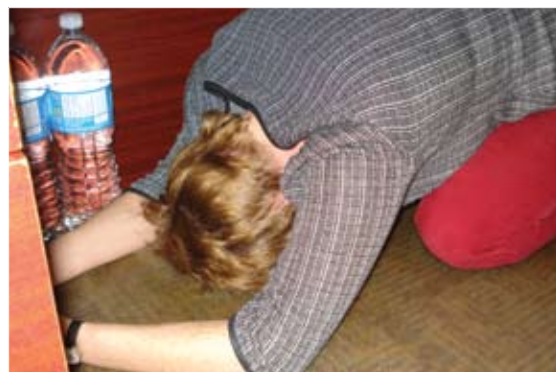
Cover!

Hold!

If you have been part of earthquake preparedness, those three words are familiar to you. They describe what you are supposed to do in case of an earthquake: seek shelter under your desk, in the closet or under the kitchen table and stay there until the situation is deemed safe. “Shake Out BC,” the first provincial earthquake drill was held at

10 am, January 26th, 2011. The building management of 401 W. Georgia, home of the Offices of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, encouraged all tenants to take part in the exercise. Promptly at 10 am, sounds simulating an earthquake were broadcast over the sound system, lasting what seemed to be a very long 90 seconds. Those in the diocesan office had been informed and participated enthusiastically.

The diocesan office is actively implementing earthquake/emergency preparedness for staff. Each person has a minimum amount of water stored under their desk, an updated First Aid Kit is on the premises, three staff are designated ‘floor wardens,’ resources for earthquake/emergency preparation are reviewed at staff meetings and earthquake drills are held. The floor wardens attend workshops on emergency preparedness and share the information with staff. ♣



LEFT Anglican Archivist Melanie Wallace under a desk.

MIDDLE Diocese Business Administrator Rob Dickson under his desk.

RIGHT MAP Associate Tasha Carrothers displays perfect earthquake protection technique.

PHOTOS Bettina Gruver



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Thank you!

Community Organizing Workshop

CLIFF CAPRANI

Diocesan Communications Special Correspondent

On the foggy Vancouver Saturday morning of January 29th, fifty Anglicans, representing nineteen parishes, gathered at St. Mary's Kerrisdale, for a day of workshops and information sharing.

The day was co-sponsored by the *Diocese of New Westminster's Eco-Justice Unit, St. James' Social Justice Group* and the *Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA)*.

Pat McSherry from St. James' Social Justice Group welcomed those in attendance, and assured the group that one of the hallmarks of MVA meetings is that they start and end on time. After a short service of welcome, in the Iona tradition, the day began.

The facilitator/guru for the day, Joe Chrastil (Senior Organizer for the *Industrial Area Foundation (IAF)* in the US Pacific Northwest), kicked things off by outlining the history of IAF. It began in Chicago in the 1940s, not far from where *Upton Sinclair's* novel *The Jungle* was set. Joe explained that "industrial area" was a polite name for *ghetto*. The goals of the IAF are to create *effective leaders* giving rise to *strong institutions* that will in turn lead to *thriving communities*. In its early days, the organization was made up equally of trade unions and faith communities. Barack Obama was trained and mentored by IAF in Chicago.

Next on the agenda, Bill Saunders president of the *Vancouver and District Labour Council* and an MVA member was introduced. He posed an obvious question: "*why work with the labour movement?*" He offered the following reasons:

- There are 70,000 union members in Metro Vancouver.
- Unions are becoming increasingly outward-looking.
- Unions want healthy communities and good relations with others.
- They are looking for a "bigger idea."
- Unions believe that they have a role to play in tackling today's issues.
- Their core values are similar to those of faith groups.

The assembly then broke into small discussion groups centring on the pressures and challenges "most impacting you / your family / parish / community."

A lively review followed.

Joe Chrastil continued his part of the presentation by describing the *world as is vs the world as it should be*, and how to begin the transition from one to the other. This transition produces a certain tension, which he feels is a good thing. "Getting to there from here in a practical

pragmatic way" was the way to go. In regards to pushing oneself as a parish / union / political party, he was fairly clear about the idea that "if you only go to where you are comfortable, you will surely die there."

IAF has spread overseas, and is now well-established in the UK, under an organization called *citizensuk.org*. The plenary viewed a five-minute video produced by *citizensuk.org*. This powerful presentation showed how a previously disenfranchised group were able to mobilize sufficient forces to effect significant change. Their aim is to rebuild citizenship. First they become allies; then they train; next they hold meetings to find out what people care about, and then they act. Check out the video for yourself at <http://bit.ly/fGW0GJ>

Mr. Chrastil then posed the question "*How do we reclaim a substantial role in our own foundation?*" He feels that there are three Foundational Elements to the work:

- Respect
- Understanding
- Trust

Joe then went on to report on the work that he had done with a Catholic parish in Yakima, WA. He had been called in because relations within the parish were fractious: the "Anglos" and the "Latinos" were at odds. As a result of the work done by him and IAF, a satisfactory resolution was possible. In essence, the minority "Anglo" members of

this church wound up helping the majority immigrant/Hispanic members to become US citizens.

Next on the agenda was a visit from Ken Foster, an Oblate Father and MVA member. He told the group, with some satisfaction, that the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver now recognizes the MVA. He gave a short presentation in which he spoke about power, which he defined as "the ability to influence change." The MVA is all about creating relational power.

He went on to say that this type of power is unifying, responsible, life-giving, creative, informed by values and has integrity. He felt that the *Pauline* approach was valuable and he expressed it thus, "I have control over them. I have power over them, but it is in weakness that I have strength because I have united myself with Christ."

One-on-one discussions are an important part of the IAF's Listening Campaigns. Joe Chrastil and Rev. Paula Porter-Leggett then modeled a one-on-one dialogue. There was a fair amount of back and forth, and as one attendee remarked afterwards, you could hardly have picked two more loquacious people for such a demonstration! Nonetheless, it was a valuable example of how these exchanges can be conducted.

The meeting wrapped up with closing comments from the event's principal organizer and co-Chair of the diocesan Eco-Justice Unit, the Rev. Margaret Marquardt. She emphasized that MVA is seeking a different model for social change, and it all begins with *relationships*.

She recommended three books, *Going Public* and *Effective Organizing for Congregational Renewal* both by Michael Gecan and *Roots for Radicals* by Ed Chambers, for those who wanted to continue their learning in the field of Community Organizing to effect social change. ✠



TOP LEFT Margaret Marquardt and Joe Chrastil.



TOP RIGHT Community Organizing line drawing.

BOTTOM Table groups.



Underqualified

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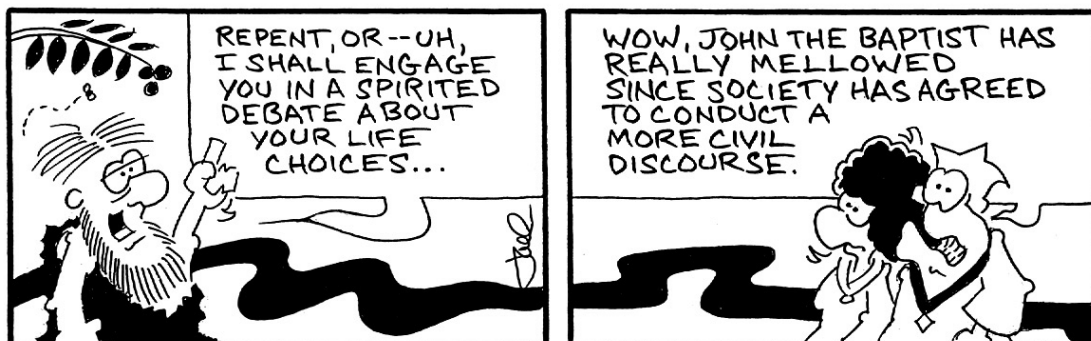
Linnea opined that she would rather have a job from God than a job that "includes God." This was a great segue into the core message of her reflection that day, a newly written song called "*The Underqualified Disciple*." She introduced the song with the following words, "If you are afraid of answering your call from God because you think God's standards are too high, maybe you should read the Bible." Linnea then premiered her new song and encouraged the congregation to join her in the following chorus:

*Moses was no speaker and Jacob was a bum
Sarah was too senior, Jeremiah was too young
Rahab was a prostitute, Jonah didn't care
Elijah was a whiner, David killed for an affair
St. Paul was too religious, the Disciples bailed and fled
Martha toiled and Mary spoiled and Lazarus was dead.*

Linnea finished her reflection with the following words, "In the end I believe the purpose of our lives is to find joy. Finding joy is a constant task, but I believe God assists us and guides us."

To learn more about Linnea and David, their ministry and their music please visit the website www.linneagood.com. ✠

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

• Clergy News •

The Rev. Michael Feit has tendered his resignation as Honorary Assistant Priest for the Church of the Epiphany, Surrey to the Bishop and his Rector, Archdeacon Stephen Rowe. Michael has served in that capacity for over twenty years following official retirement from the Church of England in 1990. He continues, of course, with Permission to Officiate, which he is happy to do from time to time.

Effective February 14th, Bishop Michael appointed the Rev. Shirley Stockdill as temporary Priest-in-Charge for the Parish of St. Agnes, North Vancouver, to bridge the gap from the Rev. Keith Gilbert's vacation and retirement until a new Incumbent is in place. Applications were accepted until February 22nd.

And speaking of St. Agnes, one of their Deacons, the Rev. Lizz Lindsay, underwent kidney surgery in early February, so keep her in your prayers. This results from a generous and sacrificial gesture of kidney donation to a cousin in need. Bravo, Lizz!

The Rev. Janice Lowell who, until the end of last February has had a dual appointment as Assistant Priest (2/3 time) for St. Andrew, Langley and for Holy Trinity, White Rock (1/3 time), will begin a short term on a half-time basis (March



The Rev. Janice Lowell.

1st until June 30th) at Holy Trinity, White Rock.

The Rev. Dr. Richard G. Leggett, *Emeritus Professor VST*, has three recent appointments: he has accepted a part-time appointment to serve as Coordinator for the Theological Education Commission of the Anglican Church of Canada, he has been appointed as an Associate Member to the Council of the Associated Parishes for Liturgy and Mission in the United States and Canada, (one of the earliest organizations working for liturgical renewal among Anglicans in North America) and he is now priest-in-charge of St. Faith's Anglican Church in Vancouver. Richard's term at St. Faith's is March 1st, 2011 to February 29th, 2012 on a 2/3 basis.

The Rev. Jessica Schaap is returning to complete her curacy at St. James on an 80% arrangement effective March 16th through September 30th, 2011. This follows maternity leave and the birth of daughter Madeleine last April.

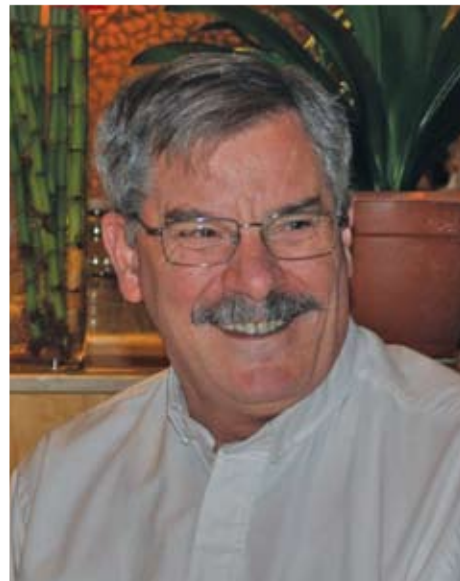
Congratulations! We are pleased to hear that the Rev. Sharon Salomons, Rector of All Saints, Mission and

Regional Dean of Yale, is engaged to marry Mr. Peter Brolese on a day yet to be announced in 2012. ✦

• Communications Committee Dinner •



CommComm chair (outgoing) Jane Osler greets the committee members with a smile.



The newest CommComm member, the Rev. Len Dyer smiles for the camera between courses.

On January 17th, the Communications Committee (CommComm) celebrated the Lunar New Year 2011, *The Year of the Rabbit* with dinner at the Snow Garden on Richards Street in downtown Vancouver. Standing Committees are the lifeblood

of the diocese. They have a tremendous amount of responsibility and the recommendations they forward and the decisions they make have a great deal of influence on the ministry of the Diocese of New Westminster. ✦

• Bishop Michael and the Parables of Jesus •

Bishop Michael traveled to Christ Church, Calgary, February 5th and 6th to present a special weekend session on the Parables of Jesus.

In a Calgary Herald interview Bishop Michael said, "The basic premise is that Jesus was an Eastern teacher not a Western teacher. That he taught in stories, as is the Eastern tradition. And the stories were open-ended, so you have to find yourself in the story. Some of the stories when we look at them lead to quite unconventional conclusions and might even be subversive in the sense of overturning convention."

During the sessions he explored some of the well-known stories and some of the not-so-well-known ones. Those attending the event were surprised at what they found when they examined the parables in the light of their contemporary experience. ✦

• David Kato Memorial •

January 26th, 2011, David Kato, a Ugandan gay rights' advocate, was brutally murdered. His death sent shock waves around the world and left many grieving this courageous prophet and leader in the fight for justice for all.

On Saturday, February 5th and on Sunday, February 6th, 2011, the communities of St. Hilda's Sechelt and St. Paul's in the West End hosted memorial services and prayer vigils to commemorate his life, to celebrate his courageous witness to the full inclusion of all into society, and to offer prayer and support for all those who have been victimized in state and church because of their sexuality or gender identity. Lay and ordained ministers of the Diocese of New Westminster including incumbents the Rev. Clarence Li and the Rev. Markus Duenzkofer conducted the services. ✦

• New Communications Committee Chair •



The Rev. Paul Strudwick, Incumbent, St. Catherine's Port Coquitlam, Priest-in-charge, St. Columba, Pitt Meadows, Regional Dean of New Westminster and multiple term Member-at-large of the Diocesan Communications Committee has been offered the position of *Chair of the Diocesan Communications Committee*

by Bishop Michael Ingham. Diocesan Communications is delighted to announce that Paul has accepted Bishop Michael's appointment.

Paul succeeds Jane Osler who chaired the committee for 7 years. Jane will stay on the *CommComm* as a Member-at-large. ✦

• Beloved Synod Office Receptionist Retires •

We are in mourning in the synod office in that our receptionist of five years, Wilna Parry, retires March 15th. Wilna proof-read the website and the Parish Mailings, ordered supplies, bought birthday presents and cards, showed hospitality to all in myriad ways, and was the office "first contact" with many on the phone, in person and by email. Wilna will be missed!

We thank her for her generous spirit, her unflagging support of ministry, enthusiastic

encouragement to her colleagues and wonderful sense of humour (as is evident in the accompanying photograph...well...).

As of this writing in early February applications are still being accepted. The new receptionist will likely have started work at the Synod Office, March 1st. The Rev. Douglas Fenton also began his ministry as *Director for Ministry and Mission Development* on March 1st. ✦



LEFT An Elfin Wilna will be missed by everyone in the synod office. (also in photo, Ronald Harrison).

RIGHT The new Director for Ministry and Mission Development the Rev. Douglas Fenton.

• Confirmation for the Rest of Your Life •

Saturday April 2nd, 2011 • 9:30 am – 3:00 pm • Christ Church Cathedral

All those being confirmed, reaffirmed or received into the Anglican Church in 2011 are invited to a special day at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday April 2nd. Bishop Michael will be there to meet with you and

lead a panel discussion on the meaning of confirmation. There will be workshops for both youth and adults on living into our calling as people of prayer and of service, as well as the opportunity to worship together.

Lunch will be provided and there is a \$15 fee to cover the costs of the day. \$5 parking will be available in Park Place.

Individuals are invited to sign up in their parishes, and the parishes to sign up with Phil Colvin at the Synod Office by phone at 604.684.6306 ext. 225 or by email at pcolvin@vancouver.anglican.ca

Come and enjoy a day in your cathedral sharing learning and fellowship with those who will be part of your confirmation experience. ✦



AROUND THE DIOCESE

• Distinguished Visitor •

The Rev. Dr. Kamal Farah of Jerusalem is visiting the Diocese of BC and then coming to the Diocese of New Westminster for Holy Week (up to his departure home Saturday, April 23rd). On Maundy Thursday, April 21st evening he will preach at Christ Church Cathedral.

Dr. Farah is an Anglican priest in the

Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Well-versed in speaking on Biblical cultural contexts of the Middle East; human rights and the Middle-East minorities; ecumenical dialogue; he speaks five languages. He has visited here before. It is hoped that there will be a few more scheduled events during Dr. Farah's visit, so stay tuned. ✦

• Synod Plans Announced •

Diocesan Synod 2011 the AGM of the diocese will be held **Friday, May 27th** evening, (after 5 pm) and **Saturday, May 28th** all day beginning at 9 am at Christ Church Cathedral.

The Synod Planning Committee chaired by the Rev. Stephen Bailey carefully reviewed the results of the survey sent out after Synod 2010. Those who favoured the Friday night worship followed by Opening of Synod and then a one day business meeting were a small majority of the respondents. There will be a **Pre-Synod Day May 7th** at St. Mary's Kerrisdale.

The theme of this year's Synod is *Moving Forward in Mission*.

A number of venues around the diocese offered to host this year's Synod, among them St. James in the Downtown Eastside. Synod staffers, Rob Dickson and Randy Murray were given the grand tour of the beautiful space at the corners of Gore and Cordova Streets and were greeted with great hospitality even though they'd arrived unannounced. Rob and Randy loved the space but unfortunately our Synod Canons require more delegates than there is seating



at St. James.

Rob and Randy were very grateful for the courtesy shown them and the excellent tour given by Honorary Priest Associate Father Michael Forshaw (see photo). ✦



• The Tragedy of Mephistopheles •

The Story of Faust
Thursday April 7th, 2011
7 pm

St. Dunstan's, Aldergrove

Glen Williamson (photo to the left) returns to St. Dunstan's bringing us another awe-inspiring performance.

Those who attended last year's production of "The Gospel of John" will not want to miss this one-man show performed by a truly gifted actor. "I tell the whole story of Goethe's Faust. It is not the play, but the essential story of the play, all the major events and the progression of Faust's journey—a rare opportunity to get the sweep of the whole drama. This performance makes it clear. And fun."

Tickets \$25 (Seniors and Students \$20) For information and tickets call 604.856.5371. ✦

• Annual Cream Tea •

The Camp Artaban Society announces the date of its annual Cream Tea.

Saturday April 16th, 2011
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

St. Augustine's Church, Vancouver

The cream, scones and jam are the best anywhere and are not to be missed. And don't forget the legendary bake table! Tickets cost \$5 at the door. St. Augustine's Church is located at 8680 Hudson Street in Vancouver. ✦



Make A Mother's Day A Canadian Mothers' Union National Project

What is Make a Mother's Day?

The Mothers' Union in the UK has completed its fourth Make a Mother's Day campaign, which has been one of its most successful campaigns. It has raised over £560,000. It is an ethical gift campaign focusing on Mothering Sunday in UK and Mother's Day in Canada. It is run somewhat like World Vision. All the money raised goes to MU's outreach programs to alleviate conditions of mothers and families in poor countries particularly in Africa. The gifts are attractively displayed in a small catalogue. Canada participated in its first campaign last year in five dioceses and raised just over \$7000.

Why support the Mothers' Union?

What are its advantages over other ethical gift campaigns?

- All the money raised goes to finance the three global programs of Mothers' Union, which are:
 - **The Literacy and Development** in Sudan, Malawi and Burundi.
 - **The Family Life** in Uganda.
 - **The World Wide Parenting** in the UK, Kenya, Australia, the West Indies, Canada and the USA.
- There are no administrative costs whatsoever (other similar charities have administrative costs in excess of 10%).
- The money raised all comes from Mothers' Union members or fundraising efforts run by MU members, mostly in the UK.

What do you have to do to participate?

- The campaign is designed to be run for Mother's Day in early May in Canada, but can be done at any time — Christmas, Mothering Sunday or Thanksgiving.
- The 2011 catalogue contains 12 gifts ranging in price from \$10 to \$300. The catalogue describes briefly what the gift is. See examples of the 2011 Catalogue to the right.
- To obtain a catalogue and order form contact Canadian MU President Celia Dodds by email at cmdodds@shaw.ca.
- You will receive in return a handcrafted gift card for the person of your choice, and an official receipt for income tax purposes. ✦

Ducklings a-feather \$10

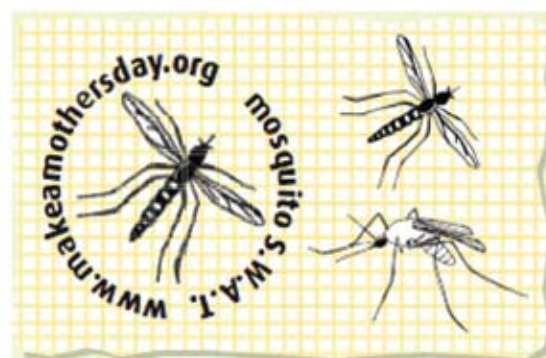
Springtime baby chicks and ducklings

Chicks and ducklings are helping women in rural communities sustain their families in Mozambique, Uganda and Tanzania, through steady income and self-sufficiency, created out of your gift of baby ducks, cheeping chicks, pens, hen houses, chicken feed and poultry training.



Mosquito S.W.A.T. \$15

Give malaria a whack!



Mozzie nets, anti-malarials and helping parents learn about how to avoid malaria - that's how Mothers' Union in countries like Nigeria is helping families stop the spread of malaria and protect their children

Seedling Hope \$25

Plant something amazing

Famines are hitting sub-Saharan Africa harder as climates change. Mothers' Union is helping buffer farming communities against drought: seeds and agricultural training help restore famine-hit communities, and build up a longer-term secure food supply. Sow long-term change. Less of a hand-out, more a helping hand-up.



Fuel the Change \$30

Petrol and bus fares - transport to isolated communities



It may seem humdrum, but the practical things make the biggest difference.

An Interview with Camp Artaban's Executive Director • Kelly Bradford



After an intensive search process the Artaban Board of Directors were delighted to announce on March 24th, 2010 that the job of Executive Director for the Camp had been offered to and accepted by, Ms. Kelly Bradford. As the winter chill begins to fade and Artaban program marketing makes its way around the Diocese of New Westminster, Diocesan Communications thought it might be a good idea to get to know Kelly a little better and find out what's new at Camp Artaban for 2011.

Thank you so much Kelly for taking the time to share your thoughts with Topic readers. To get things started, please share a little bit of your background, education, and relevant experience?

My background has always been related to working with children in an outdoor setting of one form or another. I spent 8 years working for outdoor schools and day camps at an environmental education facility in Ontario. I designed programs that complemented the Ontario grade school curriculum and then went on to manage the facility itself, which included overseeing the development of new infrastructure, changes in programming, fundraising, hiring teachers and camp staff, etc. During that time, I had the privilege of working with children that had a number of disabilities: everything from learning, behavioural and social difficulties, through to those managing issues associated with the Autism spectrum disorder. I enjoyed the challenge of designing programs for those with special needs; the reward of course was knowing that they too enjoyed an accessible outdoor program and/or summer camp opportunity.

My education journey began at *Lakehead University*, a small school in Thunder Bay, Ontario. I finished my Honours Bachelor of Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism Degree, with a specialization in Parks Planning and Management; however, following graduation I wasn't sure if I wanted to pursue a teaching career. I didn't want to give up the outdoors for the four walls of a classroom. I am a firm believer in non-traditional education and informal learning. When I was younger, I struggled within the rigidity of typical grade school structures.

After achieving my second degree in English and Classical Literature from *Carleton University* in Ottawa, I chose to embark on my Masters Degree journey here on the west coast at *Royal Roads University* in Victoria. It was by far my favourite learning experience. I completed my double major Masters Degree in "Environmental Education and Communication" while also working full time. I worked for a year for the CNIB, as the Programs Director for their Lake Joseph location in Parry Sound, Ontario. We worked to provide a camping and outdoor recreational program for the

blind, visually impaired, physically disabled and mentally challenged adults. The following two years were spent at a children's mental health agency in Haliburton, Ontario while writing my thesis. This centre was located on 200 plus hectares of Lakeland property and we were fortunate enough to have a private lake and beach area as part of the camp property. We offered much of the same waterfront programs as Camp Artaban offers in the summer, but we were open all year round, providing many other activities appropriate to the season. I was the Program Director for this facility, tailoring and designing outdoor education and wilderness *out-tripping programs* (leaving the facility or base to explore beyond for an extended period) for school groups, youth at risk, and special needs groups of all ages, youth justice programs and adult mental health groups. I was also overseeing the Duke of Edinburgh (bronze, silver and gold) programs for schools out of the Greater Toronto area. Onsite I was a high ropes course instructor and instructor trainer, lifeguard and out-tripping guide.

The other side of these wonderful recreational engagements was, of course, the business side. Much of my responsibilities and time focused on program development

and design, funding and budgets, communications with client groups, staffing, scheduling, risk analysis and training.

My next move was to Calgary. I was hired as Executive Director for an adult education agency focusing on vocational rehabilitation. It was a new and exciting challenge to try something quite different to the work I had already been doing with adult mental health. It was also an opportunity to increase my experience and knowledge of the business side of running an organization. During my tenure I was responsible for annual budgets, staffing,

building a Board of Directors, interviewing clients, working alongside clinicians and social workers, employment placement agencies, completing annual reports and evaluations and working with local community centres to ensure the safety of our clients. The most important part of this work was to ensure a positive experience for our participants. The people we worked with had endured tremendous life changes and had over-

come incredible personal boundaries to get to the point where they felt ready to re-engage with society, and regain their sense of independence. It was a rewarding job and I loved the people I worked with.

Calgary however, was not the place for me. I was never able to feel a sense of "home" during my time there. I had moved 9 times in 11 years for family, school and work, and it was time to find a place for me to settle. Having completed my schooling and having gained significant experience through my travels and employment opportunities, I desperately wanted to come back to the west coast. While doing my Masters in Victoria I fell in love with the eclectic culture and beautiful landscapes that surround us here on the North Shore. I have never been a "city kid". Much of my own spirituality is grounded in nature, green spaces and all

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that is wild!

How did you hear about the Artaban position?

As all of my experience has been centered in the non-profit world, I found my dream job on the *Charity Village* website. I applied and kept my fingers crossed, was thrilled at the phone call inviting me for an interview and the rest is history! I was able to see Camp Artaban before I was officially offered the position as Executive Director. It was so beautiful, everything was so green and the mountains and oceans of this place that I would come to call my "Lotus Land," finally felt like a place I could comfortably call home. I wanted a career and a place where I could settle; a place that I could engage in, and become part of a community, and remain in the non-profit world where I truly enjoy the challenges and the rewards of the hard work.

As you approach the latter part of your first year as Executive Director, what significant changes have you, the board and volunteers implemented?

Even though we've only worked together nine months, we have achieved much. We have come through some significant, positive changes as a Society and the time seems to have just flown by. I say "we" as everything achieved behind the scenes to keep the business running smoothly is very much based on team work. The Board of Directors have done incredible work together in the past months. Their leadership and support has been invaluable to me and they have helped me with some of the very difficult decisions that had to be made as the new Executive Director. Working through the complexities of designing a Governance Model and being able to present that to our membership at the EGM was a very important stepping stone to being able to move forward as an organization. Reviewing and amending policies, job descriptions, contracts and waivers; welcoming new staff, offering training opportunities, completing evaluations, developing new partnerships and new committees and re-engaging in

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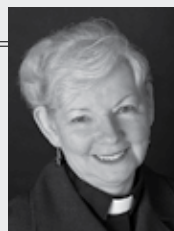
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The Strength of the Ancestors

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Through all the controversies that have swept through the Anglican Church in my lifetime, I've always lined up on what

The Nass River.



PHOTO Millie Azak

I have thought of, with a certain streak of self-righteousness, as the "progressive" side. The theological debates which have preoc-

cupied our church over the last few decades have had to do with sexual ethics, gender roles and appropriate cultural expressions of our faith. In all of these, I have felt that the voices articulating traditional values have not represented my experience, nor offered a viable way for the church to live in our time and place. I have found myself suspicious of such voices. What's the hidden agenda? Whose interests are really being served? And, to be honest, I've sometimes felt threatened. "Traditional" values and culture were something to be resisted because they represented the way of the past rather than a way forward.

Now, I find myself immersed in a traditional culture, learning the language, the songs, the dances, and most importantly, the values of the Nisga'a people. It's not my culture, so perhaps that is why I do not feel threatened by its old-fashioned ways, but it is very definitely a traditional culture embodying traditional values such as respect, hard work, discipline, restraint and personal responsibility. Suspicious of traditional values as they are embodied in my own culture, I find myself drawn towards the traditional values of another culture, and I am acutely aware of the inconsistency of my own position.

A parishioner of St. David's, who belongs not to the Nisga'a but to another north coast nation, was sharing his perception of Nisga'a culture with me. "I was

always amazed at how old-fashioned they are," he said. "Why did they hang on to all those old ways?" And then he answered his own question: "Because it made them strong." Rooted in traditional culture and values, which included traditional forms of Anglicanism, the Nisga'a people were able to adapt to and survive colonization. They were able to stand up to the Government of Canada and negotiate a treaty for their traditional territories. They were able to move to an urban environment in which many of them have been able to thrive and prosper. They were able to do all this because they never forgot the traditional ways of their ancestors, and the strength of their ancestors' values.

The traditional culture of the Nisga'a is not frozen in time. It is a living tradition, adapting to changing circumstances but always grounded in its traditional values. Tradition, like the Nass River itself, nourishes all life, is ever-constant yet always changing.

The traditional culture of the Nisga'a has reminded me of the importance of traditional ways and values. I will probably still count myself among the "progressives" (but maybe I'll find another, less condescending, word), and I doubt that I will change my mind on any given issue, but I have been given a new respect for traditional values, for the strength and resilience they impart, and for the people who espouse them.

Michael Batten is also a member of Kwblii Gibaygum Nisga'a, a group of traditional Nisga'a cultural performers. He works with members of the Nisga'a nation and other north coast nations who live in the Metro Vancouver area. This piece first appeared January 26th, 2011 on the New West Anglican Blogsite found at <http://nwanglicanblog.wordpress.com>. ✦

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the initiative of a long term strategic plan, are all part of responsible and diligent best practices within an organization. Committee Chairs and many other volunteers are working towards an earlier camp opening in March this year, camp program planning, new program developments and implementation, new staff hires and training days, new marketing ideas, fundraising initiatives, maintenance work parties and many other things in preparation for a busy and hopefully very successful 2011.

What has been your greatest challenge?

The biggest challenge for me as the Executive Director is managing change. Change is necessary to grow, to remain in good business competition with others in the same industry, for maintaining public interest and membership viability, and to realistically "keep-up" with the dynamic nature of the not-for-profit world. Change is understandably difficult for those who have been involved in an organization for many years. There is a strong sense of ownership, commitment and community that must be considered when change is offered by "the new kid in town"! Some feel threatened and show significant trepidation toward the explanations of the planned changes, some feel a renewed sense of hope and are excited for the things to come. For the majority, people are able to see the bigger picture and have been supportive through these difficult transitional periods. I am confident that with a little more time, the positive results of the implemented changes we have made as an organization will be apparent. I am very proud to be working with such a fantastic, dedicated, skilled group of people that are willing to offer so much of their personal time toward supporting Camp Artaban. Volunteers are literally the life blood of this organization.

Please share with our readers your future plans for Artaban programming?

Future plans for Artaban include the development of new programs such as a low ropes course, a facilitated cliff-rappelling program, and a multi-level orientation course throughout the grounds of camp. I also hope to re-open the out-tripping program. New partnerships will offer an increase in staff training opportunities, campership funds and paid staff positions

as we grow our *shoulder season* rentals (*shoulder season is anything outside of the summer camp months of July and August*). New marketing initiatives and fundraising campaigns will allow us to revisit the Capital Project, increase camper numbers for the summer and will also allow us to keep up with infrastructure and maintenance, providing everyone with safe and efficient onsite facilities. A long term goal is to make our rentals and shoulder season facility availability extend into the winter season. Changes and additions in infrastructure that will allow running water and heated cabins in the colder months will attract more groups to the island. Finally, we are working toward growing our relationship with the Vancouver Rowing Club to extend and improve upon our current, fabulous sailing programs. All of this will assist us in being able to provide even more of our primary, mission-based programs.

How can the diocese help support these plans?

Continued support from the Diocese is greatly appreciated. Their generous financial assistance each year is much needed and is certainly put to good use. We hope to see more and more of the Christian youth groups and other Christian retreat-based groups show an interest in using Camp Artaban as a viable facility for their programs. With the help of the Parishes and community members spreading the word, we hope to open our doors to as many people as would like to join us for an affordable, spiritual experience. Because we are remotely located, transportation continues to be a cost issue for many of our prospective clients. My hope is that we can begin to allocate certain donations and other sources of revenue towards supporting the ministry and associated groups, that require subsidy in order to be able to bring a group onsite. Increasing our shoulder season business will allow this to happen. Perhaps an area of further assistance would be more volunteers from the diocese in key positions within the organization (committees for example); with the gifts and skills to support areas of business, but also with the passion, dedication and knowledge to facilitate and drive our mission-based programs. ✦

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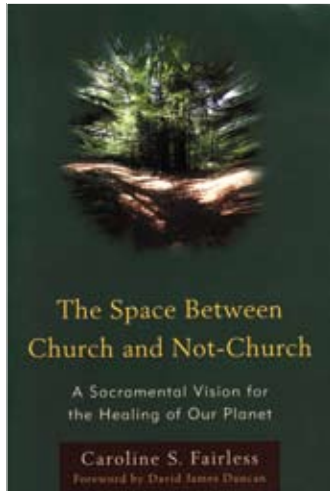
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OPINION

Book Review

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The Space Between Church & Not-Church
• A Sacramental Vision for the Healing of Our Planet

Written by
Caroline Fairless

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At a recent diocesan workshop an intriguing interaction took place. Challenged to articulate their view of an ideal world, those assembled voiced many good ideas, but

then someone asked, "Where is the body of Christ?" This caused a heated discussion about whether, from a Christian point of view, an ideal world should be more inclusive, recognizing and embracing different faiths, or whether the body of Christ fits into an ideal world by serving it, or whether an ideal world becomes Christ's body. There

was clearly a degree of tension in the room between the desire to be "inclusive" and the desire to fulfill our missiological calling as the church. The "inclusive" faction acknowledged the space between people of different faiths, or the space between those of us within the church and those outside it.


Caroline Fairless would have waded into this debate enthusiastically on the inclusive side, I suspect. A priest in the American Episcopal Church, she was a pioneer in revitalizing children's ministry through her work in her California parish. *Children at Worship: Congregations in*

Bloom, now more than ten years old, is still a regularly used resource. Now she has broadened her work across denominations and beyond children's ministry. Living in New Hampshire, she is clearly connected to the natural environment that surrounds her, and that she previously enjoyed in California and Maryland. *The Space Between Church and Not-Church* brings two passions together: the need for action to correct the damage that humanity has done and continues to do to the world it inhabits, and the need to satisfy the sacramental needs of a humanity that stretches well beyond the bounds of the church.

Combining story and poetry, observation and provocative prose, Rev. Fairless presents the thesis that *by sharing sacraments beyond its borders, the church can help a larger community to give expression to the sacred nature of creation, which will in turn foster better care for it.* She outlines ways in which the world outside can find channels for sacred story-telling, one role of worship within the church that helps us to define and nourish our mission.

One of Caroline Fairless's recurrent themes, under the aegis of moving from an anthropocentric to a biocentric world view, is the need to broaden the horizons of our sacred relationships and sacramental experiences to go beyond God/human and human/human interactions. Although this makes sense, it may be taxing to enlarge our sphere of challenges when we are less than successful with those we already face.

How relevant can this be in an era where, despite their sacramental heritage, churches are increasingly marginalized? Walking in Pitt Meadows recently, I noticed a car sticker that said "one people, one planet, one future." A few feet away lay a discarded coffee cup. We need to make it relevant, to bring our understanding and experience of tradition, ritual and sacrament to bear upon an underlying human connection to the sacred nature of the world we occupy. Caroline Fairless challenges those of us within the church to enter the space between us and those outside it, with open hearts and minds, to bring healing to our planet. ✦



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Beyond Generation... Finding Common Ground!

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Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator

In May 2008, over a hundred youth workers and young adults from across the Anglican Church gathered in London, Ontario for the *Generation Youth Ministry Forum*: the first such national gathering for Anglican youth ministry. For the four of us who travelled to the event from New Westminster, it was an excellent opportunity not just to receive information and training but also to network with those around the country doing the same work we had been doing, in both similar, and vastly different contexts.

Now in 2011, the next *Generation* style gathering is about to take place. *Common Ground* takes place at the Lamplighter Inn and Conference Centre in London, Ontario from May 31st to June 5th, 2011. This residential learning experience will be even bigger than *Generation*, bringing together people in ministry from the United, Lutheran and Presbyterian churches, as well as Anglicans. The goal is to deepen skills and knowledge and receive professional academic formation for those ministering with youth whether that be in a volunteer, professional youth minister, camp staff, chaplaincy or clergy perspective!

Common Ground is a joint project of the four host

denominations, and comes from the same team behind *Generation 2008* and the *Ask & Imagine* program. Guest speakers will include Rodger Nishioka, John Berard, and Sarah Dylan Breuer. Music guests include Steve Bell and Gord Johnson/Larry Campbell (from St Benedict's Table in Winnipeg).

Registration is open now from the Common Ground website: <http://commonground2011.ca> The cost for the event is \$395 if you register before the end of March. That includes hotel and meals for 5 days, conference fees, and resources. Obviously you also have to get yourself to London, Ontario. But there is help available!

Want to come to Common Ground? Get sponsored by DYM!

The Diocesan Youth Movement plans to send two individuals to Common Ground to gain skills and experience to help facilitate youth ministry around the diocese, and it also has funds to help support them! If you would like to be one of those sponsored to go, get in touch with Phil Colvin at Synod Office! ✦

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There are still a few places left, and just a few weeks to register.

So if you're between 13–25 years of age, or you work with young people in your parish, come along and join us!

We will have special gathering times for both young adults and youth leaders through the weekend.

To register, just visit our online registration form at: <http://tinyurl.com/artaban> or get in touch with Phil Colvin at Synod Office.

